



AMDA NEWS

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Special Hunt Prizes for 2nd and 3rd Place

Club Purpose

- Maintain and support a club to further the interests of its members in historic artifacts.
- Compile, record, and preserve historic data.
- Recover lost or hidden relics and artifacts.
- **Provide recreational activity and companionship of its members.**
- Provide a service to the community in finding lost items of value and importance.

AMDA is a FMDAC Club.

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Special Hunt for Halves Prizes

First Place – 4 Oz. Silver Bar

Second Place – 1 Oz. Silver Round

Third Place – ½ Oz. Silver Round

Each member that finds a Special Marked Half during the four months of the Special Hunts will receive a prize at the Christmas Party.

Good Luck to all the members!



Slide Show of the Annual Hunt-October Meeting



October Meeting



Great Finds – Ray Alexander

Note from the Newsletter Editors

Each month the editors try to publish in the newsletter everything that has happen with AMDA during the month. **The newsletter is the history of our Club which contains the good and bad things that happen in AMDA.**

If something happens in the Club during the month where a member or members did not respect AMDA's guide lines and Bylaws, it will be publish in the newsletter. **If this offense any members, we hope those members will think next time before they do it.**

The newsletter is how all members stay in touch with what is going on in the Club. Some members may not be able to attend all the meetings and they count on the newsletter to keep them updated on the events and the meetings.

AMDA's website is a good place to find out what is going on in the Club. All newsletters are posted on the website. AMDA has an e-mail that you can just click on to send an e-mail asking any questions. This e-mail is checked only once a day. **If you need a reply sooner than that use Terry Ellis' e-mail which is published in the newsletter or call Terry (telephone number is on the website).** All members' e-mail address' are listed in the Members Only Section.

You can also ask questions on the Website under **What's New/Chat with Members** and members other than the officers and executive committee members will be able to help you.

Check AMDA's website regularly. New pictures have been posted.

Every member has the opportunity to know what is going on in the Club with the newsletter and website.

Let us know if you have anything of interest to add to the newsletter. You can see us at the meeting or drop us an e-mail at: tellis106@comcast.net

Christmas Party

AMDA's Christmas Party will be on **Monday, December 14th at 6:00.** The restaurant is **Furr's at 2004 Wyoming NE.** We have the enclosed room reserved. When you come in tell them that you are with AMDA's group and come to the enclosed room. **You do not pay as you go in. Lucille will collect the money and then pay the total bill for the group.**

The cost of the meal and drink will be:
Family membership – Husband and wife - \$8.00 each
Single membership- Member - \$8.00
Guest - \$13.00
Children (3-7) - \$4.75
Children (8-12) - \$5.50

All of these prices include the sales tax and tip. If possible, please bring the exact amount of cash. The Club will pay the additional cost of the meals for the members.

The last three years, the Club has paid for the Officers' meals. This tradition will be carried over to 2009 with the Club paying for the four Officers' meals.

There **will** be a **gift exchange** this year. All members and guests can participate in the gift exchange. Numbers will be placed on the gifts when they are brought in. There will be a sign in sheet for gifts brought in.

The cost of the gift should be \$10-\$15. If you bring a gift, please choose one that you would like to receive. The gift does not have to be a metal detecting gift.

Several prizes will be presented at the Christmas Party for the Special Hunt Winners.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party.



Colin Cameron found 4 Special Halves.



Richard Ruble found a Special Half.



Julie was digging when Tom passed her.



Tom Murray found a Special Half.

Special Hunt for Halves

On Saturday, September 26th the second special hunt for halves was at Inez Park.

Colin Crawford found two halves and Richard Ruble found one half on Saturday.

Clues were posted Saturday night on the website for the other four halves.

Colin and Cameron being the early birds hunting the park had luck finding three of the halves before noon on Sunday. **Colin found two halves and Cameron found one. Cameron we are sorry we did not get a picture of you for the newsletter (we were not early birds!!).**

There were three members left trying to find the last half around 1:00 on Sunday which was by the globe. Julie King was digging when **Tom Murray** passed her and with in a few feet **found the last half**. It was a close competition for the two of them. Richard Ruble was close by also. Everyone was having great time hunting and that is what these special hunts are about having a good time.

Below is the Special Hunt ranking as of 9/27/09.

4 OZ.	Aug.	Sept.	Total
Member			
Colin C.	3	4	7
Cameron C.	1	1	2
Tom M.	1	1	2
Jim W.	1	0	1
Julie K.	1	0	1
Richard R.	0	1	1
Total	7	7	14

Congratulations to all the members that found the halves.

The October hunt will be on Saturday, October 31st (Halloween). The hunt master has several tricks ready for this hunt. It is a hunt you do not want to miss.

The hunt master has purchased **prizes for second and third place. See Page 1 for the prizes you will be working toward.**

AMDA's Bylaws – Field Trips

For the past several years, Terry Ellis, has been in charge of the Bylaws adding all the amendments to the Bylaws, posting the Bylaws on the website and sending the Bylaws to all old and new members.

Since Terry is in charge of the Bylaws, he sent an e-mail to all members on October 15th in reference to the monthly hunt that was scheduled on October 17th. Each member received a copy of the Bylaws. **If you did not read your e-mail, below is a copy of the e-mail sent to all members.**

E-Mail sent to all members on October 15, 2009.

Members,

Attached is a copy of the AMDA's Bylaws. Please review Article VIII, Field Trips.

Once the membership has voted on a monthly hunt site no members should hunt this site before the scheduled hunt.

This was not mention at the October meeting but AMDA follows these guide lines and it needs to be respected by all new and old members.

If you have any questions you can contact any officer or executive committee member.

The scheduled hunt is Saturday from 9 - 1. The hunt site is posted on the Special Hunt section of the website.

Terry

Also included in the e-mail was what Article VIII said about field trips.

AMDA's Bylaws - Article VIII, Field Trips

1. The AMDA will have at least one field trip each month, except for December, for the purpose of metal detecting. AMDA officers and members of committees that identify hunt sites shall be on their oath not to reveal site locations to any member, nor shall they search such sites ahead of the general membership once the site has been deemed an official AMDA hunt site.

When the Club members got to the hunt site on Saturday, October 17th at 9:00 there were three men that were metal detecting the hunt site. **Two of these men are members of AMDA who did not respect AMDA's Bylaws by hunting before the scheduled hunt started.** Even if these two members were not at the meeting is **no excuse for not respecting AMDA's Bylaws. They were sent the above e-mail and replied that they had received it.**

Several members could not attend the hunt on Saturday and wanted to hunt the site on Friday before the scheduled hunt. When these members received and read the e-mail about not hunting a hunt site after it has been identify as a hunt site by the membership, **they respected the Bylaws and did not hunt.**

All members sign the member application form stating that they will abide by AMDA's Bylaws. Each member also signs the AMDA's Annual Release Form. A copy of the AMDA's Annual Release Form is on Page 5 to refresh your memory of what you signed in 2009 and will sign in January, 2010.

AMDA is a club that abides by their Bylaws and it is every member's responsibility to respect these bylaws. **Members please do your part and abide by the Bylaws. All members have to work together to have a fun and fair metal detecting club.**

AMDA's Annual Release Form

In consideration of the privilege of being permitted to participate in Albuquerque Metal Detector Association (AMDA) activities, the undersigned agree(s) to hold harmless from liability; and waives, releases, and discharges the AMDA, its officers, its Executive Committee members, hunt master, its members from any and all liability, claim or cause of action for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which the undersigned might receive or sustain from any cause or for any reason in connection with the activities of the AMDA, irrespective of when, where, how or from whatever cause such loss or injury might be sustained. This release is intended to be absolute and entire and binding upon the undersigned, his/her heirs, personal representative and assigns.

I understand and accept that the activities of the AMDA can be dangerous both from natural and man-made causes and the member must take full responsibility for the risks incurred in such activities, both for himself / herself, family members, and guests.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations and BYLAWS established by the AMDA, the rules and regulations of any applicable government agency, federal or local.

This release is required to be signed by members/guests before you can participate in AMDA's activities.

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Spouse Signature (if family Membership): _____

Date: _____

Guest Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note about the Bylaws and the Annual Release Form

If any member has any questions about the Bylaws and the Annual Release Form (that is signed each year) please ask questions at the next meeting.

Peter Humphries

Peter from England was a guest at AMDA's October meeting. He gave the Club old shoe buckles & coins that he brought with him. These items will be given as prizes in future Club hunts and Club events.

Thanks to Peter Humphries for the buckles and coins.



Tom Murray-October Monthly Hunt



Dick & Julie King-October Monthly Hunt



Dwayne Argaud-October Monthly Hunt



October Monthly Hunt

October Monthly Hunt By Julie King, Hunt Master

AMDA's Monthly Hunt for October, 2009 was held at the Balloon Fiesta Park.

Twelve members and one guest attended the hunt. Members attending were: Dick & Julie King, Terry & Lucille Ellis, Colin Crawford, Dan Rossbach, Dwayne Argaud, Ray Alexander, Richard Ruble, Robert Wilson, Tony Castillo and Tom Murray. Guest was: Albert Lopez.

Finds Recorded

Colin Crawford: Coins, earring, balloon pin, key.

Dick King: \$1.04, golf ball range token, Green Bay Packers divot tool, small button, 4" bolt with washer and blue foam ring with tag.

Dwayne Argaud: Wheatie, coins, balloon pin and charm.

Julie King: \$.39, 1 casing, zipper pull, charm "Gemini"

Ray Alexander: Coins, half silver bracelet

Richard Ruble: New coins

Robert Wilson: Coins

Terry Ellis: 2 pins, coins, key for padlock.

Tom Murray: \$1.70 in change.

Tony Castillo: Coins

Dan Rossbach: No finds recorded

Lucille Ellis: Did not hunt.

Visitor – Albert Lopez: 2 balloon pins, \$4.10 in change and 1942 nickel

Items found that were turned into the Balloon Fiesta office.

Ray Alexander - 2 earrings and blue bead dangle

Robert Wilson – 2 earrings

Tony Castillo – Half a heart Pendant "Best Friend".

Albert Lopez – Mood ring and charm "Christine"

Thanks to Terry Santolla for getting AMDA permission to hunt the Balloon Fiesta Park.

AMDA - Assets

The Executive Committee had a meeting before the October meeting to go over things for 2010.

It was voted on at the Executive Committee meeting to sale or give most of the Club's assets to members. This would eliminate officers having to store the Club's items at their houses. **A detail list of AMDA's remaining assets will be published in the November newsletter.**

Jim Westmoreland sold the display case to someone he knew for \$45.00. Thanks Jim for doing this. Marty Hrivnak bought the Red & Black bag on Rollers for \$20.00. All other items were given to members or donated to an organization.

The Video library was given to members and guests. The videos that members did not take will be brought to the November meeting. If members do not want all the videos they will be donated to an organization.

More assets will be for sell and given away at the November meeting.

AMDA's Library

The book "Harpers Pictorial History-Civil War" will be for sale at the November meeting.

Refreshments at Club meetings

It was voted on by the membership that in 2010 the Club will no longer have refreshments at the meetings due to lack of volunteers.

In 2009 the Club reimbursed each member \$20.00 that brought snacks. The executive committee was hoping this would get members to volunteer to bring snacks. It did not work. Only the members that had brought snacks in the past signed up for them in 2009.

If any member wants to bring snacks they are more than welcome to bring them. **If you bring snacks please post on AMDA's website under "What's New" so we will not have two or three members bringing snacks the same night.**

Treasurer's Report

October 12, 2009

Beginning Balance..... \$709.58

Income:

Membership Dues 30.00

Raffle Ticket Sales 33.50

Sale of Paper Cups 2.00

Expenses

Website 7/1/09-12/31/09..... (77.70)

Sept. Snacks Reimb. (20.00)

Annual Hunt Drawing (25.00)

Annual Hunt Prizes (53.00)

Annual Hunt Supplies (11.01)

Annual Hunt Picnic Supplies (31.24)

Annual Hunt Cake, Danish (24.15)

Ending Balance \$532.98

Walking Liberty Half Dollars (1916-1947)

Walking Liberty half dollar coins, first struck in 1916, featured a design by Adolph Weinman, who also designed the [Mercury Head dime](#) (which was also released in 1916). The Walking Liberty coin depicts Lady Liberty with an American flag draped around her body, walking towards a sun with rays; the reverse features an eagle perched on a rock.

The 1916-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar is the key to the series with a mintage of 508,000. All of the 1916 Walking Liberty Half Dollars are semi keys.

Although this coin was replaced in 1947 by the [Franklin half dollar](#), the design was so loved that it was reused for the American Silver Eagle bullion coin in 1986 and continues to be in use today.

**AMDA Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

Guests: Albert Lopez
Paul Koutz – 2nd meeting
Peter Humphries – visiting from England

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Betty Veitch, 2nd by Julie King.

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$532.98. Motion to accept by Ray Alexander, 2nd by Julie King.

Old Business

All seven special halves were found in Inez Park on the 26th of September. The next special hunt will be October 31st. The location will be posted on AMDA Website under Special Hunt on October 30th.

Jim Westmoreland gave a short talk on the AMDA Chuck Teyssier Memorial Annual Hunt and some of the prizes that were won.

New Business

Election of officers will be held at the November meeting for 2010. Julie King and Mickey Cone will contact eligible candidates before the November meeting to see if they are willing to volunteer for an Officer or Executive position.

Terry and Lucille Ellis are stepping down as Officers in the club but will continue with the newsletter and website.

Club Snacks: It was voted on to do away with snacks at the meeting in 2010. Any member that wants to bring snacks on their own is welcome to do so. They should post on the website under "what's new" if they are bringing snacks.

Christmas Party: The Christmas party will be held at Furr's Cafeteria on Wyoming Blvd. just south of Menaul on December 14th at 6 PM. The cost will be \$8.00 for members, \$4.75 for children (ages 3-7), \$5.50 for children (ages 8-12) and \$13.00 for guests.

Prizes for special hunt will be awarded at the Christmas Party.

Exchange of gifts at the Christmas party. If members want to exchange gifts the cost of the gift should be between \$10 and \$15.

Donation to community center will be \$50.00 which was voted on by the membership.

An estimated amount of \$217.98 will be carried over to 2010.

Club Assets: The video library was offered to club members for free. Assets that were not taken or bought by members will be donated to a worthy cause.

We took a break at 7:28 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:45 PM

The monthly hunt will be at the Balloon Fiesta Park at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 17th. The club will meet at the parking lot of the Balloon Fiesta Museum. Julie King volunteered to be hunt master.

**Center Donation Drawing
1898 V-Nickel – Richard Ruble**

**50/50 Raffle
\$45.50 – Cameron Crawford**

Motion to adjourn by John Mead, 2nd by Ray Alexander.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray
Secretary/2009

<p>Sympathy To Allan & Betty Veitch on the loss of his Mother, October 5th.</p>
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Members Anniversary

Betty & Allan Veitch..... 6 years
Moss Tallant..... 5 years

Annual Hunt Committee

Jim Westmoreland
Ray Alexander
Terry Ellis



Happy Birthday October

Robert Wilson..... October 4
Dwayne Argaud..... October 25

Research Committee

Tony Castillo
Jim Westmoreland

Membership Committee

Julie King
Jim Westmoreland

Officers

President Mickey Cone
Vice President Terry Ellis
Secretary Tom Murray
Treasurer Lucille Ellis

Refreshment Schedule 2009

November Colin Crawford

October refreshments were provided by Betty & Allan Veitch. Thank you!

Executive Committee

3 year Julie King - 1st yr.
3 year Jim Westmoreland - 1st yr.
2 year Dwayne Argaud - 1st yr
2 year Gary Tom - 2nd yr
1 year..... Ray Alexander

Meetings

AMDA meets at 6:30 PM the second Monday of each month at Los Griegos Center, 1231 Candelaria NW.

For more information call Terry Ellis at (505) 294-5296.

Other Positions

Newsletter Editor Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site Editor Terry Ellis
Prize Official..... Betty Veitch
Hunt Master Monthly sign up sheet
Photographer..... Julie King

Club Mailing Address

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Monthly Hunt Schedule 2009

January 17.....	February 21
March 14.....	April 18
May 16	June 13
July 18	August 15
September 19.....	October 17
November 14.....	December - <u>No Hunt</u>

FOR SALE– AMDA CAPS
Cost is \$8 per cap. If you pay by cash, please bring the exact amount.

For Sale
 Club members can advertise items for sale here. If you have something for sale, let us know & we will put it in the newsletter.

Reminders
Aluminum
 Allan Veitch collects aluminum from club members to benefit the Annual Hunt. Please bring your cans and other aluminum scraps in bags to each meeting for Allan (or Betty) to pick up.

Food Donation to the Center
 Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the center in exchange for our use of the facility.

AMDA Website
 Be sure and check out our club website often – <http://www.amdaclub.com>. Our website allows club members to post items of interest and look at club activities, tip etc. To check out “Member Only” section you will need the user name and password. If you do not have this information, please e-mail the newsletter editor at tellis106@comcast.net.

WORD OF CAUTION – there is a section on the forum (what’s new) that is open to anyone interested. If you choose to post or reply in this section, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

REMINDER – Please do not share the password with non-members.

Treasure Hunter’s Code of Ethics

1. NEVER TRESPASS. Always obtain permission prior to entering private property or mineral claims.
2. FILL ALL HOLES, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage or be damaging to property.
3. NEVER DESTROY priceless historical or archaeological treasures.
4. DO NOT build fires, camp or park in non-designated or restricted areas.
5. LEAVE all gates and other accesses to land as found.
6. NEVER LITTER. Always pack out what you take in, and remove all trash dug in your search.
7. DO NOT damage, deface, destroy, or vandalize any property (including ghost towns and deserted structures). Never tamper with any equipment at the site.
8. RESPECT AND UPHOLD all finders, search and salvage agreements.
9. ABIDE by all laws – national, state, county and local.
10. ALL METAL-DETECTORISTS AND TREASURE HUNTERS ARE JUDGED BY THE EXAMPLE YOU SET. Conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ANNUAL HUNT.

Site Links (AMDA Website)

(1) On-line Treasure Magazine:

American Digger Magazine <http://www.americandigger.com/>
Lost Treasure <http://www.losttreasure.com/>
Western & Eastern Treasures <http://www.treasurenet.com/westeast/>

(2) Metal Detector Manufactures:


Garrett Metal Detectors <http://www.garrett.com/>
Minelab Metal Detectors <http://www.minelabusa.com/>
White's Metal Detectors <http://www.whiteelectronics.com/>

(3) Interest Links:

Mama's Minerals <http://www.mamasminerals.com/>



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